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Dear Ed,

Beginning with the 1973 energy crisis I've been writing on the clean side of used paper. I may have saved a tree or two and who knowns how much fuel or energy. This is part of the printout of the incomplete rough draft of Case Open. Incomplete that small book is 798 pages. And Ambrose was silent when I wrote him.

I've gotten none of the books written by the Russians of or claiming to be of the KGB since the collapse because the first I heard of could not be true. Kalugin may be truthful. I've not seen his book. I did not know Arnoni but the night of the day his wife left him or he drove her out after beating her I met her at meagher's. Sylvia described Arnoni as a bastard. I knew and was not friendly with Marzani. He was in the first of the OSS shops in which I worked when I got there. Never had any personal dealings with him and very few at work. None that I recall.

I think the red-baiting was because it was policy and practise and with just about all in the past it was proven to be successful.

When voter turnout was encouraged as it should have been it was not low. Wellstone's campaign led to a 78% turnout in Minnesota.

I've carried what you liked in those chapters farthur in what I have in rough draft with no prospect of publication. It, too, will be but a record for history. ~~Matter~~ Matter of fact, I'm writing an epilogue to it now. Meanwhile, not a word of complaint, protest, denial or rebuttal.

I like and was not familiar with that Malraux quote. But I never felt I was in hell although what I lived was by normal standards hellish.

It is a compliment and I thank you for it. And for the enclosures.

Have a good holiday and a good year!

Harold